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REPLY TO ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285/SA-246 Satsop-Aberdeen No.3: **Project #: V-O-05/09**

TO: Jim Jellison
Natural Resource Specialist – TFO/Olympia

Proposed Action: Vegetation Management along the Satsop-Aberdeen No. 3, 230 kV (Reference line) Transmission Line Corridor from structures 1/1 to 21/3.

Location: The project line is located in Grays Harbor County Washington, in BPA's Olympia Region.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Description of the Proposal: BPA proposes to remove tall growing and noxious vegetation from the right of way and access roads that can potentially interfere with the operation, maintenance, and reliability of the transmission lines. Unwanted, tall growing, and noxious vegetation, danger trees, and reclaim trees will be removed and/or controlled inside the ROW using selective and nonselective methods that may include hand cutting, mowing, and herbicidal treatment. Vegetation management work will occur between structures 1/1 to 21/3 of the Satsop-Aberdeen No. 3 transmission line. This proposal covers approximately 457 acres of land and encompasses the entire easement widths of all the transmission lines within the Satsop-Aberdeen No. 3, 230 kV (reference line) line corridor.

Analysis: A Vegetation Management Checklist was completed for this project in accordance with the requirements identified in the Bonneville Power Administrations Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285).

The subject corridor traverses public and private lands in Grays Harbor County Washington. Landowners include Washington State DNR, private timber companies, and private rural residential lands. No tribal lands are involved.

Section 3 of the checklist identifies the natural resources present in the area of the proposed work. The following summarizes natural resources occurring in the project area along with applicable mitigation measures.

Water Resources: Water bodies (streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands) occurring in the project area are listed in section 3.1 of the Vegetation Management Checklist. Trees in riparian zones will be selectively cut to include only those that are within 50 feet of the conductor at maximum sag. Trees will be topped where shrubs are not present to provide shade and a silt buffer.

No ground disturbing vegetation management methods will be implemented thus minimizing the risk for soil erosion and sedimentation near the streams. The following herbicide buffers will be implemented for the project. Outside a 100' buffer from any steam, ponds, or wetlands Triclopyr BEE (common formulations, Garlon 4 & Tahoe 4E) may be applied. Formulations of Triclopyr TEA (common formulations Garlon 3A) may be applied for spot or localized applications up to the waters edge. For any initial or follow up broadcast treatment with Triclopyr TEA on sprouting stumps or brush a 35' buffer will be maintained from any steam, ponds, wetlands, or sensitive areas.

No drinking water, irrigation wells, or water supplies were identified along the rights of way.

Threatened and Endangered Species/Essential Fish Habitat: Pursuant to its obligations under the Endangered Species Act, BPA has made a determination of whether its proposed project will have any effects on any listed species. A species list was reviewed from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on February 25, 2005, identifying threatened and endangered species and Critical Habitat Units potentially occurring in the project area. In addition a review of species under the jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries was conducted. A determination of "No Effect" was made for all ESA listed species and designated critical habitat for the project. A determination of "No Effect" was made for Essential Fish Habitat waters that occur in the project area.

Cultural Resources: The Chehalis Tribe does not know of any cultural sites on this transmission corridor. If a site is discovered during the course of vegetation control, work will be stopped in the vicinity and the appropriate tribe, the BPA Environmental Specialist, and the BPA archeologist will be contacted.

Monitoring: The entire project will be inspected during the work period. Additionally the line will be patrolled annually after treatment to monitor the effectiveness of the treatment and any issues associated with the project.

Findings: This Supplement Analysis finds that (1) the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285) and ROD, and; (2) there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. This Supplement Analysis also finds the proposed actions will not affect threatened or endangered species. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

/s/ John Howington
John Howington
Physical Scientist

CONCUR: */s/ Thomas C. McKinney* DATE: 3/7/2005
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Attachment:
Vegetation Management Checklist
Effects Determination

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Vegetation Management Checklist
Satsop-Aberdeen No.3 Corridor

Project #: V-O-05/09

1. IDENTIFY FACILITY AND THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT NEED

1.1 Describe Right-of-way.

CORRIDOR NAME	Corridor Length & kV	Easement width	Miles of Treatment
Satsop-Aberdeen No. 3 (reference line) Satsop-Aberdeen No.2 Aberdeen Tap to Satsop-Aberdeen No. 1, and Satsop Park-Cosmopolis No. 1 ADNO's 8347, 8348, 8318 and 8325	21 mi., 2-230, 2-115	237.5, 287.5, variable R/W widths	21 mi. starting at str. 1/1 to str 21/3

Right Of Way:

Right-of-Way – clearing in right-of-way

A combination of mulching the easement because of the Scotch broom and the cut, lop and scatter of tall growing species will be utilized to treat hazardous vegetation and this will be followed up with herbicide treatment. Falling the reclaim trees along the edge of the right-of-way boundary and within the draws.

Transmission Structures – clearing around

All structures will be cut and chemically treated to 30 feet from the center of the pole or from the legs of each steel tower.

Access Road clearing - approximate miles – 2.8 miles

All access roads will be either C, L&S, mulched or chipped due to the encroachment of Scotch broom, blackberries, low and tall growing brush and trees then either stump or foliar chemical treatment will be applied.

1.2 Describe the vegetation needing management.

Vegetation Types:

Douglas fir	True Fir
Hemlock	Alder
Maple	Willows
Cottonwood	Wild Cherry
Noxious Weeds - Scotch Broom	Blackberries
Cascara	Vine Maple

1.3 List measures you will take to help promote low-growing plant communities. If promoting low-growing plants is not appropriate for this project, explain why.

Cut stump or follow-up herbicide treatments on sprouting-types species will be carried out to ensure that the roots are killed. Vegetation that will grow tall will be selectively eliminated before it reaches a height or density to begin competing with low-growing species.

1.4 Describe overall management scheme/schedule.

Initial entry – All tall growing vegetation will be cut and chemically treat the stumps to prevent grow-in trees. Access, right-of-way roads and structure sites are to be cut and treated.

Subsequent entries – A follow-up chemical treatment is scheduled to begin in the late spring or early summer of 2005.

Future cycles – Every 3 years, a maintenance contract will be necessary to treat sprouts. The use of herbicides on the initial and subsequent cycles should reduce the quantity and cost of work.

2. IDENTIFY SURROUNDING LAND USE AND LANDOWNERS/MANAGERS

2.1 List the types of landowners and land uses along your corridor.

Landowners/Managers/Uses:

Rural Residential Property

Simpson Timber Company

Weyerhauser Timber Company

Washington State DNR

2.2 Describe method for notifying right-of-way landowners and requesting information (i.e., door hanger, letter, phone call, e-mail, and/or meeting). Develop landowner mail list, if appropriate.

Olympia Region will send letters to the property owners about 2-4 weeks prior to cutting the brush. Door to door contact will be made where it is warranted.

2.3 List the specific land owner/land use measures — determined from the handbook or through your consultations with the entities — that will be applied.

Span		Landowner/use	Specific measures to be applied
From	To		
1/2 + 0	2/2	Washington Pubic Power supply System	Tree and brush agreement, LU# 960064
11/3+1287	11/4 + 796	Franklin Hockett	Xmas tree agreement LU#970600

2.4 Review any existing landowner agreements (e.g. tree/brush Permits or Agreements). List in table above any provisions that need to be followed and where they are located.

N/A

2.5 List any known casual informal use of the right-of-way by non-owner publics. List any constraints or measure's to take due to the informal use.

N/A

2.6 List other potentially affected people, agencies, or tribes (that are not landowners/managers) that need to be notified or coordinated with. Describe method of notification and coordination.

I have contacted Richard Bellon, Cultural Resource Specialist of the Chehalis Tribe regarding his knowledge of any cultural sites on the Longview-Chehalis#3 easement. He is not aware of any cultural sites.

3. IDENTIFY NATURAL RESOURCES

3.1 List any water resources (streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands) that may be impacted by vegetation control activities. For each water body describe the control methods and requirements or mitigation measures that will be used.

Span		Waterbody	T&E/ EFH	Method	Herbicide	Application Technique	Buffer	Other
From	To							
2/1+315	385	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
4/1+0-1363 Meanders	775 Under Sat-Aber#2	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
4/2 +500 Under	700 Sat-Aberdeen #2	Wetlands	No	C,L&S	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
4/2 +700	1200	Pond	No	Skip	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal			
4/4 + 575	645	Elizabeth Creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
5/2 + 335	405	Wetlands	No	C,L&S	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
5/3 +415	485	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
5/5 + 165	235	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
5/5+1000	1070	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
6/2+615	685	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
7/2+415	485	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting

7/2+415	485	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
7/2+815	1025	2 No name creeks	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
7/2+1215	1285	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
7/2+1300 Diagonal	1900 Under S-A#2	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
7/7 + 865	915 Diagonal	No name creek	No	Skip				
7/7 + 1665	1735 Diagonal	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
8/3 + 1300	1800	Chehalis River	T&E/ EFH	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
10/1 + 1065	1135	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
11/3 + 365	435	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
12/2 +490	560	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
12/3+315	385	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
12/5+465	535	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
13/3 + 415	485	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
13/4+115	185	Swan Creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
13/5 + 818	885	No name creek	No	Skip				
13/6 + 615	685	No name creek	No	Skip				
14/2 +815	885	No name creek	No	Skip				

14/4 + 515	585	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
14/5 + 365	435	No name creek	No	Skip				
14/5 + 450	520 S-A#2 line	No name creek	No	Skip				
15/4+ 1100	1300	Van Winkle Creek	EFH	Skip				
16/6 + 615	685	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
16/6 + 1000	1150	2 No name creeks	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
17/1+ 565	635	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
17/2 + 715	785	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
17/2 + 830	900	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
17/2 + 1215	1285	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
18/1 + 1235	1435	Bear Creek	EFH	Skip				
18/3 + 600	1800	Wetlands	No	C,L&S	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
18/3+ 1800	2200	Wishkah River	T&E/ EFH	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
19/1+ 915	985	No name creek	No	Skip				
18/3+ 600	1200 S-A#2 line	Wetlands	No	C,L&S	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
18/3+ 1200	2000 S-A#2 line	Wishkah River	T&E/ EFH	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
18/3+ 2000	2191 S-A#2 line	Wetlands	No	C,L&S	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting

19/1+ 100	700 S-A#2 line	Wishkah River	T&E/ EFH	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
19/2 + 1215	1285	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
19/2 + 1050	1500	Wetlands	No	C, L&S	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
19/3 + 470	670	Steward Creek	EFH	Skip				
20/1+315	385	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
20/1+565	635	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
20/1+840	910	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
20/1+800 Parallel Under	1100 S-A#2	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
20/2 + 365	435	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
20/3 + 765	835	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
20/5 + 400	470	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
21/1 + 265	335	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
21/1 + 565	635	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
21/1 + 965	1035	No name creek	No	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A/Escort or Arsenal	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
21/2+ 700	900	Fry Creek	EFH	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting
21/3 + 50	250	Fry Creek & Ditch	EFH	Cut & Stump treat	Garlon 3A	Spot Treat w/in buffer	Waters Edge	Selective Cutting

3.2 If planning to use herbicides, list locations of any known irrigation source, wells, or springs (landowners maybe able to provide this info if requested).

Span		Well/irrigation/or spring	Herbicide	Buffer	Other notes/measures
From	To				
2/4 + 800	900	Well	No herbicide	164	Well is located 125' from the Lt edge of the easement.
2/5 + 140	460	Well	No herbicide	164	Well is located between Sat-Aber#2 & 3 lines.
18/3 + 150	450	Spring	No herbicide	164	Well is located 100' from the Lt edge of the easement.

3.3 List below the areas that have Threaten or Endangered Plant or Animal Species and the name of the species, and any special measures that need to be taken due to their presence. Attach any BAs, T&E maps, or letters from US Fish and Wildlife.

Span		T&E Species	Method/mitigation or avoidance measures
From	To		
8/3+ 1800	2200	Bull Trout Chehalis River	Selective cutting of trees in riparian zone and/or cutting trees tops that are within 50' of the conductor at max sag. Shrubs will not be cut that are less than 10' height where the ground to conductor clearance is less than 50' at max sag. Herbicide treatments within 100' up to 1 Yard of waters edge with only practically nontoxic (to Aquatic species) chemicals (Garlon 3A). No chemical treatment within one yard of the waters edge. Top trees when shrubs are not present to provide shade and a silt buffer.
16/3+ 0	16/4 +100	Marbled Murrelet	Critical habitat for Marbled Murrelets has been identified in the area between the spans listed. The habitat unit starts approximately 500 feet South of the transmission line corridor. Audible sightings of the species have been identified in the area. Marbled Murrelets may also occur in other areas along the transmission line corridor. Vegetation Management activities will occur outside of the Critical timing periods for Marbled Murrelets from April 1 to August 5th. No trees exhibiting the characteristics of nesting trees for the species will be removed.

3.4 List any other measures to be taken for enhancing wildlife habitat or protecting species.

Span		Species	Measures
From	To		
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Chum Chehalis River	Selective cutting of trees in riparian zone and/or cutting trees tops that are within 50' of the conductor at max sag. Shrubs will not be cut that are less than 10' height where the ground to conductor clearance is less than 50' at max sag. Herbicide treatments within 100' up to 1 Yard of waters edge with only practically nontoxic (to Aquatic species) chemicals (Garlon 3A). No chemical treatment within one yard of the waters edge. Top trees when shrubs are not present to provide shade and a silt buffer.
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Sockeye Chehalis River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Chinook (Fall) Chehalis River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Coho Chehalis River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Chinook (Spring) Chehalis River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Chinook (Summer) Chehalis River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Steelhead (Winter) Chehalis River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
8/3+ 1800	2200	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Steelhead (Summer) Chehalis River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
15/4+ 1100	1300	Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Coho, chum and Steelhead (Winter) Chehalis River	Skip
18/1+ 1235	1435	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Chum Bear Creek	Skip

18/3 + 1800 S-A#3 18/3 + 1200 S-A#2 19/1+ 100	2200 2000 700	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Chum Wishkah River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
18/3 + 1800 S-A#3 18/3 + 1200 S-A#2 19/1+ 100	2200 2000 700	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Chinook (Fall) Wishkah River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
18/3 + 1800 S-A#3 18/3 + 1200 S-A#2 19/1+ 100	2200 2000 700	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Coho Wishkah River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
18/3 + 1800 S-A#3 18/3 + 1200 S-A#2 19/1+ 100	2200 2000 700	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Steelhead (Winter) Wishkah River	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
19/3 + 470	670	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Coho Stewart Creek	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
21/2 + 700	900	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Coho Fry Creek	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.
21/3 + 50	250	EFH Fish Habitat (EFH) Coho Fry Creek	Same treatment as noted in 8/3+ 1800 to 2200.

3.5 List any visually sensitive areas and the measures to be taken at these areas.

N/A

3.6 List areas with cultural resources and the measures to be taken in those areas.

Span		Describe sensitivity	Method/mitigation measures
From	To		
1/1	21/3	Cultural Sites	The Chehalis Tribe does not know of any cultural sites on this transmission corridor. If a site is discovered during the course of vegetation control, work will be stopped in the vicinity and the local tribe(s) will be contacted as well as the BPA Environmental Specialist.

3.7 List areas with steep slopes or potential erosion areas and the measure and methods to be applied in those areas.

Span		Describe sensitivity	Method/mitigation measures
To	From		
7/7 +275	1050	Steep Slopes	Selective cutting of trees in the draw to maintain soil stability.
14/2 +750	850	Steep Slopes	Selective cutting of trees in the draw to maintain soil stability.
14/4+ 400	600	Steep Slopes	Selective cutting of trees in the draw to maintain soil stability.
15/4 + 0	500	Steep Slopes	Selective cutting of trees on slope and in the draw to maintain soil stability.

3.8 List areas of spanned canyons and the type of cutting needed.

Span		Methods, cutting
From	To	
7/7 +275	1050	Ground to conductor clearance is greater than 125', selective cutting of conifer trees when the tops of the trees are within 50' of the conductor at max sag.
14/2 +750	850	Selectively cut conifer trees when the tops of the trees are within 50' of the conductor at max sag.
14/4+400	600	Selectively cut conifer trees when the tops of the trees are within 50' of the conductor at max sag.
15/4 + 0	500	Selectively cut conifer trees when the tops of the trees are within 50' of the conductor at max sag.
20/5 +350	500	Selectively cut conifer trees when the tops of the trees are within 50' of the conductor at max sag.
21/1 + 200	800	Selectively cut conifer trees when the tops of the trees are within 50' of the conductor at max sag.
21/2 +300	700	Selectively cut conifer trees when the tops of the trees are within 50' of the conductor at max sag.

4. DETERMINE VEGETATION CONTROL METHODS

4.1 List Methods that will be used in areas not previously addressed in steps above.

Span		Methods, including herbicide active ingredient, trade name, application technique
To	From	
1/1	21/3	For non-sensitive areas (spans) cut stump/basal treatment with 25% Garlon 4/Tahoe 4E and 75% Forest Crop Oil (FCO). A 50/50 % mixture of Garlon 3A/Tahoe 3A and/or 5% of Arsenal and water for stump treatment will be used in the non-T&E listed creek riparian zones and within the 100' buffer up to one yard of the high water mark of a T&E listed creek. A late spring and early summer follow-up foliar treatment with Garlon 3A/Tahoe 3A and Escort on all hardwood species except the use of Arsenal on Big Leaf Maple, Wild Cherries and Cottonwood sprouting stumps and/or brush in non-T&E/EFH buffers. Initially, foliar treat Scotch broom as well as a follow up treatment in the spring-summer. Basal treatment is essential for Big Leaf Maple, Cottonwood and Wild Cherries sprouts, outside the buffer zones, rather than foliar treatment in order to deliver enough herbicide product to the roots to cause mortality of the target trees.

5. DETERMINE DEBRIS DISPOSAL AND REVEGETATION

5.1 Describe the debris disposal methods to be used and any special considerations.

Debris Disposal:

Chip (Mechanical brush disposal unit cuts brush into chips 4 in. or less in diameter, and spread over ROW, piled on ROW, or trucked off site. Trunks too large for the chipper are limbed and the limbs chipped. Trunks are placed in rows along the edge of the right-of-way or scattered, as the situation requires.)

Lop and Scatter (Branches of a fallen tree are cut off (lopped) by ax or chainsaw, so the tree trunk lies flat on the ground. The trunks are occasionally cut in 1-to-2-m (4-to-8-ft.) lengths. The cut branches and trunks are then scattered on the ground, laid flat, and left to decompose.)

Mulch (Mulching is a debris treatment that falls between chipping and lop-and-scatter. The debris is cut into 1-to-2-ft. lengths, scattered on the right-of-way and left to decompose. This method is used when terrain and conditions do not allow the use of mechanical chipping equipment.)

5.2 List areas of reseeding or replanting (those areas not already described in steps 1, 2, or 3).

N/A

Native grasses and vegetation are present on the entire right-of-way that will seed into the areas that will have lightly disturbed soil predominately located on the right-of-way roads. BPA expects 2-3 vehicles of the brush contractor and 1 contract inspector's vehicle will be present on the site. A brush machine will mulch the structure sites and right-of-way roads where Scotch Broom and Black Berries are present.

5.3 If not using native seed/plants, describe why.

N/A

5.4 Describe timing and any follow-up that will need to take place to ensure germination/success of seeding/planting.

Monitoring of the success of the brush-cutting program will begin the spring in which evaluation of soil erosion as a result of the brush-cutting program will be made. If grass seeding is necessary, native grass seed will be applied.

6. DETERMINE MONITORING NEEDS

6.1 Describe the follow-up/monitoring cycle that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the vegetation control methods used.

Monitoring of the effectiveness of the herbicide treatment will begin in the spring and follow up treatment of cut stump/basal or foliar treatment of target vegetation. The mixture of the product is 25% Garlon 4/Tahoe 4E and 75% FCO for stump treatment or 97% water, 3% Garlon 3A Tahoe 3A with 2 oz/ac. of Escort or 5% of Arsenal for foliar treatment. Depo-RTU will be utilized to reduce drift when necessary.

6.2 Describe any follow-up or monitoring needed to determine if mitigation measures were effective.

Annually patrol the transmission line by the line crew and the Natural Resource Specialist will periodically monitor the right-of-way for effective mitigation measures.

7. PREPARE APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

7.1 Describe any potential project impacts or project work that are different than those disclosed in the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program EIS. Describe how those differences impact natural resources and if the differences are "substantial".

All proposed brush cutting and chemical treatment activities on this corridor is noted in the EIS.

7.2 Is there a need for additional NEPA documentation (i.e. Forest Service requirement, Record of Decision, supplemental EIS)? If so, attach.

No